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In fact, the exception to the hearsay rule that we are voting on now I think would probably cut both ways, if you will.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It could, and that's probably part of the reason I want to make sure that we're not legislating for a particular case or group of cases that may be out there. other issue that I always have when it comes to these, particularly as I've watched some of the tobacco litigation roll across, is when I see the word "pamphlet" and the statements contained in published treatises, periodicals, or pamphlets on the subject of history. To me, obviously, and I remember in law school reading about hearsay and how pamphlets may have a different description than a learned treatise and periodicals. always figured if it had a hard cover, it was a lot more authoritative than the paperback books. I found out the paperback books were cheaper and so they...they are probably just as good, but the word "pamphlet" always makes me nervous. I know that that ... I think that, I've not read the federal rules lately, but I believe that pamphlets are in the federal rules. Is that correct?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes. The only reason that word exists is because it does, indeed, mirror the federal rules.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay, but I can tell you, I'm glad that you made those representations to us. I am going to take a look at it, but I just wanted to make sure that we didn't have a case out there that we're going to affect the outcome or we're going to encourage the filing of the case, if we can just get it filed, and at this point in time, I would yield back the remainder of my time to you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, and with that, I will just answer any additional questions, should anyone have them.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Before we proceed to the next speaker, I would like to announce that we have two former senators with us this morning, Senator Arlene Nelson, under the north balcony; Arlene, welcome. And under the south balcony, Senator David Bernard-Stevens from North Platte.